



Minnesota's 4th District **E-Report!**

Congresswoman Betty McCollum

"Serving Minnesota's Families"



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Hot News!

Minnesota Troops Return From Iraq

On February 12th, members of the 19th MMC of the Army Reserve returned home after serving in Iraq.

In a letter to soldiers and their families, Rep. Betty McCollum thanked the men and women for their service.

"I am proud to represent the families of the 4th district and the many service men and women who have made great sacrifices during this past year. Your willingness to serve when called and to serve honorably and bravely is greatly appreciated by us here in Minnesota and across America."

U.S. Postal Service Says Eagan Site "Feasible" for Relocation of St. Paul Facility

Rep. Betty McCollum welcomed the announcement from the United States Postal Service (USPS) that a location search has identified Postal Service land in Eagan as a feasible site for relocation of the Saint Paul Processing and Distribution facility.

"This announcement is a big win for St. Paul's economy and the entire East Metro region," said McCollum. "I commend the Postal Service for their thorough analysis. Relocating the downtown Post Office will allow Ramsey County and St. Paul to transform the Mississippi riverfront and create a transit hub at the Union Depot. This project may take ten years to complete, but it will provide one hundred years of jobs and economic return on investment."

The 12-acre downtown Saint Paul postal facility, which processes 5 million pieces of mail per day, has been the largest remaining obstacle to riverfront redevelopment and establishing an East Metro transit hub at Union Depot. McCollum has been working with local elected leaders, and the USPS executives to identify potential sites for relocation since 2001.



Rep. Betty McCollum visited with Richard Jost of the Paralyzed Veterans of America and Auxiliary members Patricia Schon and Jan Dykema at a Salute to Hospitalized Veterans at the Veterans Medical Hospital.

The Week Ahead

February 17 — Rep. Betty McCollum will meet with college presidents from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MSCU) to discuss higher education reauthorization, President Bush's FY 2005 budget and college affordability.

February 18 — Rep. Betty McCollum will convene a meeting of the Wat Resettlement Working Group.

February 18 — Rep. Betty McCollum will meet with Chinese students from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

February 19 — Rep. Betty McCollum will host an Environmental Roundtable with Minnesota's environmental leaders who will be discussing some of their top priorities and concerns for the coming year, including President Bush's FY 2005 budget.

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